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TOPOGRAPHIC READINESS PLAN

- 1. The Topographic Readiness Plan provides various options for a Commander's consideration depending upon the type of activity or operation contemplated for a specific geographic area. The types of situations categorized are as follows:
 - a. Troops Deployed
 - b. Potential Troop Deployment
 - c. Counterinsurgency
 - d. Intelligence and Planning
 - e. Evacuation
 - f. All others
- 2. The situations are in a descending order of topographic effort required to satisfy the stated requirement. All products produced for the troops deployed area would satisfy all lesser situations; i.e., a currently available 1:50,000 scale topographic map to be used in a troop deployed area would satisfy a potential troop deployment, a counterinsurgency problem, and intelligence and planning activities. Conversely, in those areas where evacuation of U.S. nationals is currently the only planned activity, a 1:100,000 planning graphic and city evacuation graphic would be the products recommended in lieu of the 1:50,000 scale standard map and city map.
 - 3. In summation, the plan envisages the production of less than standard accuracy 1:50,000 scale topographic maps in some situations, concentrating the 1:50,000 scale products in areas of contemplated combat activity, and

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in addition providing a readiness concept in the form of data base material which would be prepared for selected areas so that additional products may be readily produced with much less elapsed time in the event that the situation changes and requirements increase in priority.

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